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## FOREWORD

The concepts used in the collection of statistics on workers in the 1940 Census of Population differed in many respects from those of earlier censuses. Because the earlier data are not comparable with those collected under the current concepts, it has been difficult to make historical comparisons and to determine trends in the Nation's labor force. In order to provide a basis for such studies, this report presents estimates of the labor force in 1930 and 1940 on a comparable basis, by age and sex. A brief summary of these estimates is included in the report "Comparative Occupation Statistics for the United States, 1870 to 1940," by Dr. Alba M. Edwards. .

The present report provides in addition a classification of persons in the labor force by employment status, for use in studying trends in employment and unemployment, and the incidence of unemployment by age and sex. It also describes in detail the processes by which the estimates and adjustments were made. This report was prepared under the supervision of Dr. Leon E. Truesdell, Chief of the Population Division, and Howard G. Brunsman, Assistant Chief, by Dr. John D. Durand, Acting Chief of Economic Statistics, and Edwin D. Goldfield, Employment Analyst.

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